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REMARKS

Status of the Claims

After entry of the foregoing amendments, Claims 1-36, 49-56, 58, 59, and 61 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 58, and 61 are the independent claims. Applicants have amended Claims 49-54, 58, 59, and 61. Additionally, Applicants have canceled Claims 37-48, 57, 60, and 62-102 herein without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. No new matter has been added.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to Claim 58 as dependent upon a rejected base claim, but provided that the claim would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 58 has been amended to an independent form and includes all of the limitations of the original base claim 48 and all of the limitations of intervening claim 57. Claims 48 and 57 have been cancelled.

The Examiner objected to Claim 61 as dependent upon a rejected base claim, but provided that the claim would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 61 has been amended to an independent form and includes all of the limitations of the original base claim 48 and all of the limitations of intervening claims 52 and 60. Claims 48, and 60 has been cancelled and Claim 52 has been amended to depend on Claim 58 addressed in the objection above. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of these objections are respectfully requested.

Withdrawn Claims

Applicants have canceled Claims 37-47 and 62-102 without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject matter. These claims were withdrawn in light of the restriction request imposed by

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the Examiner. Applicants have preserved their rights to pursue these patent claims in a later filed divisional patent application.

Claim Rejections

The Examiner has rejected Claims 48-50, 52, 53, 56, 57 and 59 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,211,978 to Wojtunik in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,317,247 to Yang et al. The Examiner has rejected Claim 60 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,211,978 to Wojtunik in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,317,247 to Yang et al and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication 2001/0024542 to Aina et al.

The Applicants have cancelled rejected independent Claims 48, 57, and 60. The remaining rejected Claims 49-56, and 59 were dependent upon other rejected claims and have been amended to depend only upon claims addressed in the objections above. This action taken by the Applicants has rendered the Examiner's rejections moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

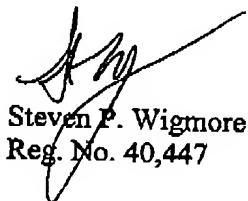
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CONCLUSION

Applicants submit the foregoing as a full and complete response to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2005. Applicants believe that this Amendment and Response places the application in condition for allowance and respectfully requests such action. If any issues exist that can be resolved with an Examiner's Amendment or a telephone conference, please contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at (404) 572-2884.

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